

**War and Society**  
**Political Science 395**  
**Northwestern University**  
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### **Course Description**

The course has two goals. The first is to study, in a necessarily cursory way, the intimate and complex relationship between organized conflict (war) and human relationships (society) from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present. We will examine the phenomenon of war in its broader socio-economic context, from the emergence of the modern nation-state through the World Wars and up to the "Global War on Terror." Throughout the course we will consider the role of the state, war as a cultural force, and the ways that military technology does (and does not) structure relations between people.

The second goal is to develop writing skills through multiple revisions and feedback from your peers and the instructor of a substantial research paper; by the end of the class I hope you will have written the best work of your college career to date.

### **Course Requirements**

This course entails a substantial amount of reading and preparation. Class attendance and participation will be crucial components of the final grade. No late work will be accepted without a written medical excuse.

This course is a seminar whose success depends on your participation. It is expected that every student will do all the reading and attend every class.

The course is also designed to improve your writing skills through multiple drafts of a final paper (~20 pages). You are expected to do a substantial amount of additional research for the paper. The paper topic is deliberately open-ended, as will be explained in the first meeting. Do not bother asking for a "prompt."

The grade will be based on a paper abstract (10%), an outline (15%), a first draft of the paper (15%), a final draft (40%), and participation in the seminar (20%).

Readings and Books: The following books have been ordered through the Northwestern Bookstore:

Richard Franklin Bense, *Yankee Leviathan: The Origins of Central State Authority in America, 1859-1877*. Cambridge University Press, 1991: 0521398177

Chris Hedges, *War Is a Force that Gives Us Meaning*, Anchor, 2004: 1400034639

Paul Fussell, *The Great War and Modern Memory*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1975: 0195133323

William H. McNeill, *The Pursuit of Power, Technology, Armed Force, and Society since A.D. 1000*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982: 0226561585

Carl Schmitt, *The Concept of the Political: Expanded Edition*, George Schwab (trans), Chicago: University Of Chicago Press, 2007: 0226738922

Note that the schedule of lectures and readings may change based on the availability of guest lectures or even current events. If so, students will be informed at least a week in advance unless under exceptional circumstances.

### **Research Study Participation Requirement**

Students enrolled in this course are required to complete a research assignment that can include up to 4 hours of research study participation. These studies require that students set up an appointment to complete participation at a laboratory on campus (or via an on-line survey). Students will learn how studies are conducted and will receive a synopsis at the conclusion of the quarter describing the study's goal, result, and relevance to the class. Students who prefer not to participate in research as subject may opt for an alternative that entails reading any one chapter about political science research and writing a five page reaction paper. The typical chapter is about 20 pages and thus reading it and writing a five page paper should take approximately four hours.

During the first week of the quarter, students will receive an e-mail asking them whether they prefer study participation or the alternative assignment. The e-mail will also include details on how to complete either requirement. Failure to complete the requirement during the quarter will result in an incomplete. Failure to complete the requirement during the following quarter will result in a failing grade for the class. Note that if you are enrolled in multiple classes that require participation, you only need to satisfy the requirement one time. Also, if you already completed the requirement in another course in a previous quarter, you are excused from the requirement.

## **Academic Integrity**

Any student who violates the University's principles of academic integrity will automatically fail this course and be referred to the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies' office for further action by the University. There are no exceptions. The Dean's policy for WCAS is available at:

<http://www.wcas.northwestern.edu/advising/academic.html>.

*All student work may be analyzed electronically for violations of the university's academic integrity policy and may also be included in a database for the purpose of testing for plagiarized content.*

## **Accessibility**

Any student with a verified disability requiring special accommodations should speak to the course instructor and to the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, (847) 467-5530, as early as possible in the quarter, preferably within the first two weeks of the course. All discussions will remain confidential.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

### **April 3: Intro?**

Hedges, all. To be read in advance.

### **April 10: The Rise of the Nation-State**

McNeil, Chapters 3-5

Clausewitz, Carl von, Michael Howard, Peter Paret, and Beatrice Heuser. 2006. *On war*, *Oxford world's classics*. New York: Oxford University Press. Books 1, 2 and 8.

### **April 17: Industrialization and War**

Bensel, Chapters 1-3 and 6.

Orwell, George. "Politics and the English Language,"  
<http://www.newrepublic.com/book/review/politics-and-the-english-language#>

## **April 24: Imperialism**

Mantena, K. 2007. "The Crisis of Liberal Imperialism," in Duncan Bell, ed., *Victorian Visions of Global Order: Empire and International Relations in Nineteenth-Century Political Thought*. New York: Cambridge UP.

Strang, David. 1996. "Contested Sovereignty: The Social Construction Of Colonial Imperialism" in *State Sovereignty as Social Construct*. New York: Cambridge UP.

Abernethy, David B. 2000. *The dynamics of global dominance : European overseas empires, 1415-1980*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 1,2, and 5.

***Abstract for paper due. All students must have met with the professor AND TA before today!***

## **May 1: The Great War**

Fussell, pp. 1-190 but seriously you should read it all.

Schmitt, all

## **May 8: World War II: States and Societies Destroying States and Societies**

Browning, Christopher R. 1992. *Ordinary men : Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the final solution in Poland*. 1st ed. New York: HarperCollins. SELECTIONS

Valentino, B. A. 2004. *Final solutions : mass killing and genocide in the twentieth century, Cornell studies in security affairs*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press. Chapters 2 and 3.

***Outline and bibliography due! You must have already given the outline to your discussant in sufficient time for her to read it***

## **May 15: Cold War and the Permanent State of Emergency**

Cohn, C. 1987. "Sex and Death in the Rational World of Defense Intellectuals." *Signs* no. 12 (4):687-718.

Friedberg, A. L. 2000. *In the shadow of the garrison state : America's anti-statism and its Cold War grand strategy, Princeton studies in international history and politics.* Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press. SELECTIONS

**May 22: Decolonization**

Ajami, F. 1995. "The Sorrows of Egypt." *Foreign Affairs* no. 74 (5):72-88.

Hansen, T. B., and F. Stepputat. 2006. "Sovereignty revisited." *Annual Review of Anthropology* no. 35:295-315.

Zack, L. 2002. "Who Fought the Algerian War? Political Identity and Conflict in French-Ruled Algeria." *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society* no. 16 (1):55-97.

***Draft paper due to professor today. You must have already given your draft to your discussant in sufficient time for her to read it***

**May 29: Post-Modern War**

Gray, C. 1999. "Clausewitz rules, OK? The future is the past - with GPS." *Review of International Studies* no. 25:161-182. doi: Doi 10.1017/S0260210599001618.

Singer, P. W. 2001. "Corporate warriors - The rise of the privatized military industry and its ramifications for international security." *International Security* no. 26 (3):186-220.

**June 10: Final paper due at 4pm in hard copy and electronic form**